

pared. If people would not rush through life so blind and thoughtless, if they would stop and reason and ask themselves this question: "Where shall I spend Eternity?" More of them, I believe, would be ready when death overtakes them. It is a very serious thing to die, but it is much more serious to live. Death is but a single event while life is a series of events. Death can make no changes in us, life makes and un-makes us forever. Death is only serious because it is followed by eternity, and life is serious because it decides whether our eternity shall be one of happiness or woe. Then we should be very careful how we live. I can not see why sinners are content to go on in their sins and dangerous condition day after day, and not accept Christ, when they know they have no lease on their life as it is not in their own hand but in the hands of a just God. They surely do not realize the awfulness of their condition or they would flee to Christ for refuge, and make their peace, calling and election sure. Some I fear will come before the Lord empty-handed while if they had accepted Christ they might have been able to have lain at the Master's feet some sheave of golden grain. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" There is no escape, after we have neglected salvation so long. Too late! Too late! will be our cry. O if I had only heeded the warnings and the messages and accepted Christ all would have been so different. Let us live so that when we come to die there will be no regrets. There's a great day coming and not far hence when the saints and the sinners shall be parted right and left, and the Lord shall say to the wicked "Depart I know ye not." O be ready for that day to come.

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There is nothing on earth so terrible as physical blindness, and there is nothing in earth or hell so fearful as the blindness of sin. The Great Physician is more the healer of the latter than the former. He is more anxious to reveal the glories of a new earth and a new heaven to the soul that is sin-blinded than he was to open the eyes of Bartimaeus.

Great love fears not to make great vows. Trusting in the strength of an omnipotent Christ, tens of thousands of young people have risen above the little life of small selfishness into the broad world of great endeavor "for Christ and the church."

## King's Children.

### TRUST CHRIST—FOR WHAT?

II Tim. 1:1-12.

Topic for Oct. 31.

Any one living among the mountains may sometimes see storms rage about mountain crown, while towering high above them the golden peak is bathed in sunlight.

There is a Christian life, which I fear is the life of most, which is amid the storms and often is wilted and ruffled and crushed and torn and almost destroyed by them. And there is a Christian life which has been reached by some and can be reached by all which rises above the vexations of life, and tho the storms assail, yet dwells in peace. The Scripture lessons of this topic are to help us to attain to the latter experience. It is seen in Christ sleeping amid the storm, (Mark 4:37-40.) It is seen in Paul and Silas singing in the foul inner prison, (Acts 16:25) It is seen in the martyrs who, amid tortures and flames, breathed out their lives in praise. It is seen in the lives of countless scores who, "in that calling wherewith they are called, therein abide in God," I Cor. 7:24, and amid dishes and dust, amid labors and trials, maintain serenity and utter no complaint.

He is wise who can live this life. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." That is, learn to trust Christ and all will follow. Andrew Murray says: "The Christian's growth in grace depends upon his understanding more and more what Christ is to him."

F. B. Meyer tells of a saintly man who taught him this lesson, that because our lives "are hid with Christ in God, therefore we have a right to claim all the virtues of the Christ life. Therefore in times of doubt say, "Lord, thy faith;" in times of vexation, "Lord, thy patience;" in times of suffering, "Lord thy endurance," and so in every case turn the burden over to him and claim the victory from him.

#### SOME SCRIPTURAL LIGHT.

##### Trust Christ.

1. For pardon, Col. 1:14.
2. For cleansing, I John 1:9.
3. For life, John 10:10.
4. For keeping, II Tim. 1:12.
5. For Guidance, John 13:15; I John 1:6.
6. For boldness, Eph. 3:12.
7. For daily bread, II Cor. 9:12; Phil. 4:19.
8. For health, Matt. 8:17; Heb. 13:8; III John 2. (These last two as in fact all the rest are conditional promises. We cannot expect pardon without confession, daily bread without work nor health without observing the laws of health. Besides this other things enter in. The problem of the righteous suffering (John 9:3) with (as the faithful of Israel incaptivity) or for the guilty (as Christ) is one of the greatest of the Scriptures or philosophy. Some have been healed through the prayer of faith. If others have failed let them not deny that it is possible, but observe Phil. 3:15, 16.)
9. Grace, II Tim. 2:1.
10. Victory over sin, Rom. 7:24, 25 (first sentence,) and death, I Cor. 15:57; Rev. 12:10, 11.
11. For the Holy Spirit, Eph. 1:13.
12. To be used, Eph. 1:11, 12; John 15:16.

##### Why we may trust Christ for these things.

1. Because his promise is sure, II Cor. 1:20.
2. Because of our relations, Eph. 1:5, 6 and 2:19, 20; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 5:30.
3. Therefore, John 1:16.

4. Therefore let us grow up unto him in all things, Eph. 4:15; Phil. 3:8, 12-14.

Talk over the essential aids to a life of trust, prayer, the Word, the Spirit, the Church, the ordinances, etc.

Consider examples—Christ, Paul, Peter (Matt. 14, etc.) Muller, Spurgeon and others.

Urge a definite consecration to this closer walk. This is consecration meeting for C. E. societies and several million other young people will tonight be doing likewise. Get out of the boat of struggle and walk on the waves by trust.

## Home Circle.

### NOBODY BUT MOTHER.

How many buttons are missing to-day?  
Nobody knows but mother.

How many playthings are strewn in her way?  
Nobody knows but mother.

How many thimbles and spools has she missed?  
How many burns on each little fat fist?  
How many bumps to be cuddled and kissed?  
Nobody knows but mother.

How many muddy shoes all in a row?  
Nobody knows but mother.

How many stockings to darn, do you know?  
Nobody knows but mother.

How many little torn aprons to mend?  
How many hours of toil must she spend?  
What is the time when her day's work shall end?  
Nobody knows but mother.

How many cares does a mother-heart know?  
Nobody knows but mother.

How many joys from her mother-love flow?  
Nobody knows but mother.

How many prayers by each little white bed?  
How many tears for her babes has she shed?  
How many kisses for each curly head?  
Nobody knows but mother.

—Author Unknown.

### QUEER DISCIPLINE.

The true disciplinarian does not waste words. Obedience that is finally dragged out of a child, after a war of words and waste of time, is almost as bad as disobedience. The following, from a newspaper, will illustrate this point:

"Willie!"

"What you want?"

"I want you to get right up!"

"All right," says Willie, and turns over for another nap. Half an hour passes and then—

"Willie!"

"Y-a-a-a-s."

Fifteen minutes late:

"You Willie!"

"Well?"

"You going to get up to-day?"

"Yes."

"Well be about it then. You march yourself right down here."

Twenty minutes elapse.

"Willie!!!"

"What you want!"

"If your'e not up in five minutes I'll come up there and rout you out in short order!"

"I'm a coming."